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REMARKS

Claims 14-22 and 26-48 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. The present application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 08/583,589, filed January 5, 1996 and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING USER-INTERFACE OUTPUT SEQUENCES". Thus, applicants' representative believes that the priority date of the subject application pre-dates the filing date of the cited document, Katzenberger *et al.* (US 5,867,175), and that the cited document has therefore been impermissibly cited against the subject application. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 14-22 and 26-48 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 14-22 and 26-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Katzenberger *et al.* (US 5,867,175). Reversal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons. Katzenberger *et al.* has a filing date of May 24, 1996, whereas applicants' patent application, as stated *supra*, claims priority to US Patent Application Serial No. 08/583,589, filed January 5, 1996. Thus, it is believed that the invention as claimed has an earlier effective date than the cited document, and therefore is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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